



# Impact summary

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Supports



5.98

hectares

3040

trees planted  
through past  
partnerships



# Dronley Wood project in Scotland, UK 2024-2029

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Dronley Woodland, a 51-hectare community-owned forest near Dundee, Scotland, was acquired in 2019 and is now managed using Continuous Cover Forestry principles. Historically planted in the 1960s-70s with monospecific stands — Scots pine, Sitka spruce, Norway spruce, hybrid larch, Douglas fir — and two older pockets dating back to 1911-16, the woodland suffered wind damage (Storms Arwen, Babet, Gerrit) and bark-beetle outbreaks. The complete site is now being transitioned from even-aged monocultures to a permanent, irregular mixed woodland: woods are being thinned, underplanted, fenced to protect young broadleaves (oak, sycamore, lime, sweet chestnut), and natural regeneration encouraged, alongside installation of bat boxes, bird boxes, and “jay trays” to introduce oak via cached acorns. This particular part of the project spans approximately 5.98 hectares (38.5% of the site). The activities include clearing windblow, oak cluster tree planting in storm-damaged zones, site fencing, and direct seeding under canopy in several compartments. We are thinning spruce and pine stands and enriching gaps by underplanting broadleaved saplings (hazel, lime, chestnut, sycamore, red oak) designed to enhance structural and species diversity, forest resilience, and ecosystem services. This long-term project balances biodiversity, carbon storage, community engagement (over 20,000 visits/year, educational partnerships, volunteer and school involvement), and low-impact timber production. It aims to restore ecological integrity, reduce susceptibility to storms and pests, and provide educational demonstration of Continuous Cover Forestry.



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